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SENATOR JONES:    Yes, on LB 271, you know, when you addressed that earlier they said that the fees goes back to the streets and the roads, you know. And I wondered if that's been changed in this here bill so that it will go back to the schools and everything now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM:    No, we're not changing anything, except pro-rate motor vehicles.

SENATOR JONES:    That's all...that's all you're changing out of 271 now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM:    Well, we're not...actually, I don't know if it's fair to characterize that as a change. We repealed a section that should not have been repealed, we're reinstating it so that those do get allocated properly.

SENATOR JONES:    Okay. So it's going to be addressed then.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM:    I don't know, Senator. The committee hasn't discussed whether we should change the allocation of the fee. We don't have any...we don't have any ability to change the allocation of the tax portion. We think that constitutionally we're required to allocate the tax portion in proportion to the levies in the political...in the particular political subdivision. I do hope that we're able to present to you, later on in the session, (LR) 45CA, which would then, if it passes, give the Legislature the discretion to change the allocation of the tax portion. But there are two pieces, the tax portion that we really don't have any means of changing the allocation of that, the fee portion that we can change the allocation of.

SENATOR JONES:    Yeah,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM:    This doesn't change the allocation of the fee.

SENATOR JONES:    That's what I want to know, because that was what I was concerned about. Another issue that I was concerned about, and Senator Dierks brought it up, and it was the election